

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

**1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:**

Wind Erosion

Water Quality

Flooding

Non-point Source Pollution

Soil Erosion

**2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:**

**An area 1 mile on either side of the Middle River, Snake River, Tamarac River, and the Red River of the North.**

**3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.**

Applications that will address water quality within an area 1 mile on either side of the Middle River, Snake River, and Tamarac River in the district.

Applications that will address wind erosion in the district.

Applications addressing water erosion in the district.

Applications dealing with water quality in the district.

Applications that address flooding in the district.

**4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**

1. Wind Erosion – Will the application install practices that reduce wind erosion? 10 points
2. Soil Erosion – Will the application install structural practices to control ephemeral or gully erosion? 5 points
3. Water Quality – Will the application install practices that address water quality concerns in an area 1 mile on either side of the Middle River, Snake River, Tamarac River, and the Red River of the North? 10 points
4. Water Quality – Will the application install practices that address water quality concerns outside of the above priority area? 8 points
5. Water Erosion – Will the application install practices that reduce water erosion? 7 points
6. Non-point Source Pollution – Will the application address a feed lot runoff problem? 5 points
7. Habitat Conservation – Will the application install a windbreak or shelterbelt? 8 points

8. Water Quality – Will this application address ground water contamination? 5 points
5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**
6. **Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**
7. **List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document**

Field borders will be limited to a 60' wide unless needed for organic separation from conventional operations or where there is an identified need for erosion control as determined by NRCS.

Haying of field borders must cease after August 15<sup>th</sup> to allow for re-growth to attain a 1 foot stubble height during the critical erosion period.

The local work group is also setting the parameters on cover crop not to exceed 3 years on up to 250 acre per year per operation.

The local work group decided that the locations necessary to provide adequate reduction of erosion shall be to border entire field edges with field borders, but exceptions to be made at the discretion of the District Conservationist on a case by case basis.

**The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.**

**This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.**

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Chair, Local Work Group

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